



## A guide to Arts Award

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## What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a unique set of qualifications that support children and young people aged 25 and under to enjoy the arts and develop as artists and arts leaders.

Four qualifications and an introductory level are on offer to suit all ages and abilities, with valuable UCAS points attached to the highest level.

Independent research\* has shown that Arts Award develops:

- ▶ life skills, including communication, leadership and organisational skills
- ▶ reflective thinking and meta-cognition
- ▶ interest in arts careers
- ▶ entrepreneurial skills
- ▶ artistic skills and creativity for life

**“ Arts Award is so beneficial and allows you to develop your skills in many ways. It's a brilliant qualification to have and really stands out on your CV. ”**

– Jayden, Gold Arts Award achiever

## Where to start?

Take a look at what's involved at each level of Arts Award, or try our online quiz to find the best starting point for your group: [artsaward.org.uk/levels](http://artsaward.org.uk/levels)

### Discover

Arts Award Discover is designed for ages 5 and above but is open to anyone aged 25 and under

Start the arts adventure! To achieve Arts Award Discover, young people:

- take part in arts activities
- experience artists' or craftpeople's work
- share their arts discoveries

20 guided learning hours (recommended)

Find out more: [artsaward.org.uk/discover](http://artsaward.org.uk/discover)

### Explore

(Qualification no. 600/3894/9) | Entry Level (Entry 3) on the RQF\*

Arts Award Explore is designed for ages 7 and above but is open to anyone aged 25 and under

Explore the arts and be inspired! To achieve Arts Award Explore, young people:

- take part in a range of arts activities
- explore the work of artists or craftspeople and arts organisations
- create an artwork
- share their exploration

25 guided learning hours + 10 independent learning hours = 35 hours' total qualification time

Find out more: [artsaward.org.uk/explore](http://artsaward.org.uk/explore)

\* RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

## Bronze

(Qualification no. 501/0081/6) | Level 1 on the RQF\*

Bronze Arts Award is designed for ages 11 to 14 but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Take part in the arts and share new skills! To achieve Bronze Arts Award, young people:

- ▶ take part in the arts
- ▶ review an arts event or experience
- ▶ research an artist or craftsperson
- ▶ pass on arts skills to others

40 guided learning hours + 20 independent learning hours = 60 hours' total qualification time

Find out more: [artsaward.org.uk/bronze](http://artsaward.org.uk/bronze)

## Silver

(Qualification no. 500/9914/0) | Level 2 on the RQF\*

Silver Arts Award is designed for ages 14 to 16 but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Take on a challenge and lead others! Silver Arts Award has two units: arts practice and pathways, and arts leadership.

To achieve Silver Arts Award, young people:

- ▶ plan, complete and review an arts challenge
- ▶ review arts events and share their views
- ▶ research careers in the arts
- ▶ develop leadership skills through planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project

60 guided learning hours + 35 independent learning hours = 95 hours' total qualification time

Find out more: [artsaward.org.uk/silver](http://artsaward.org.uk/silver)

## Gold

(Qualification no. 500/9666/7) | Level 3 on the RQF\* | 16 UCAS points

Gold Arts Award is designed for ages 16 and above but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

**Develop arts skills and lead the way!** Gold Arts Award has two units: personal arts development, and leadership of an arts project.

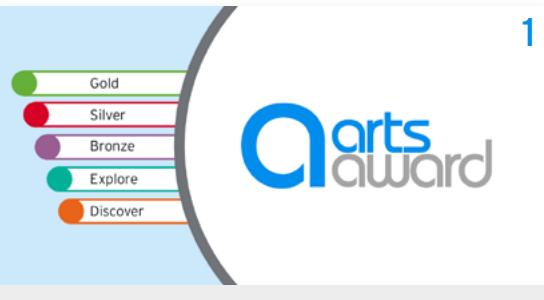
To achieve Gold Arts Award, young people:

- ▶ extend their arts practice, experience another art form and create new work
- ▶ get involved in the world of the arts through placements, volunteering, training and research
- ▶ review arts events and find out about artists or craftspeople and their career paths
- ▶ research and make the case for an arts issue
- ▶ develop leadership skills through taking individual responsibility for planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project and sharing it publicly

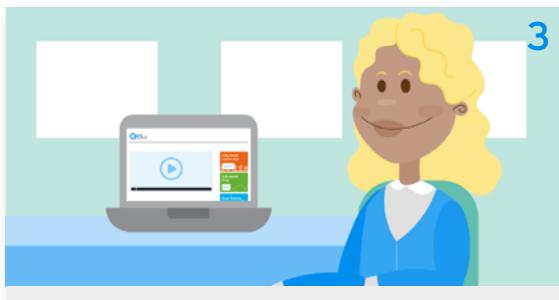
90 guided learning hours + 60 independent learning hours = 150 hours' total qualification time

Find out more: [artsaward.org.uk/gold](http://artsaward.org.uk/gold)

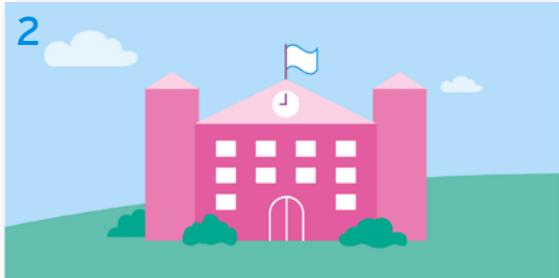
# How Arts Award works



To start running Arts Award, first choose a level to offer. You can find out what each level involves on the Arts Award website, or [get in touch](#) for some help with selecting the right starting point for your group.



Staff members or volunteers who will support young people to achieve their qualification will need to train to become Arts Award advisers. Our convenient online courses can be easily booked on our [website](#) or discounted [training for groups](#) can also be arranged.



Complete our free online validation process to become an Arts Award centre. Centres are where Arts Award takes place. Any organisation offering arts and cultural projects to young people can be an Arts Award centre.



Once centre registration is finalised, you can start your Arts Award programme! As young people work through Arts Award, they collect evidence of their learning via a portfolio or arts log. When complete, advisers review these against assessment criteria for each level.



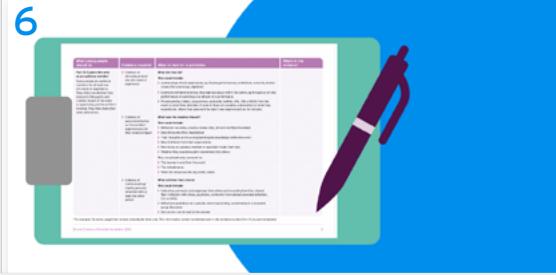
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If you need help along the way, free webinars, support sessions and online resources are available, as well as support for young people via Arts Award Voice. Also, check out our costs page for help with budgeting, and take a look at the special discounts available with Arts Award partners.



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We will let you know if you've been selected for moderation to have your assessments validated (but this won't be needed in most cases, including for Arts Award Discover where there is no moderation as it's an introductory level).



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When portfolios have been assessed, you can enter young people for Arts Award. To do this, you'll need to complete the enrolment and marks spreadsheet for all young people and submit it on the Centre Portal in order for certificates to be issued.



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With your project successfully completed, it's time to celebrate your group's achievements... and plan your next Arts Award programme!

## Find out more

For educators

[artsaward.org.uk](https://artsaward.org.uk)



For young people

[artsawardvoice.com](https://artsawardvoice.com)



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